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Applicant:

Steven B. Smith

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Title: Methods and Systems for Job-Based Accounting

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 19, 2004, the shortened statutory period for response to which ends after January 19, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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